GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

General Administration (NRI) Department – Establishment of Non-Resident Telugu Society, Andhra Pradesh – Orders -Issued.

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**GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (NRI) DEPARTMENT**

**G.O.MS.No. 110** **Dated: 10-05-2016**

**Read the following**

1. From Dr. Ravikumar P Vemuru, Advisor to Govt., Non-Resident Telugu Affairs & Investments Letter Dt: 15.09.2015.
2. Note No.008/NRT/2016 from Dr. Ravikumar P Vemuru, Advisor to Govt., Non-Resident Telugu Affairs & Investments Dt:16.04.2016.

**ORDER :**

It is noticed that there is a huge interest among non-resident Telugus towards meaningful contribution, growth and empowerment of Telugus living in Andhra Pradesh. A number of them also have evinced keen interest in investing in some of priority sectors like Hardware manufacture, Information technology, Agriculture modernization etc. in Andhra Pradesh State. In addition, quite a few of them have shown interest towards participation in Smart Village program, provided there is a meaningful, responsive, transparent platform for their contributions in cash or kind.

2. It has been felt that there should be an institutional mechanism and a systemic framework to channelize the above towards tangible contributions/Investments from Non-Resident Telugus in Andhra Pradesh. It would be appropriate that an exclusive mechanism to address all issues/concerns of Non-Resident Telugus.

3. Government, after careful examination and in consultation with the Finance, Law & Public Enterprises Departments have taken a decision to constitute a new Society under Andhra Pradesh Societies Registration Act, 2001 (Act 35 of 2001) with the name and style of **" ANDHRA PRADESH NON-RESIDENT TELUGU SOCIETY"** to promote brand A.P. amongst the Telugu Communities settled in various countries to handle all issues related to worldwide Telugu Diaspora and to encourage active participation by Non-Resident Telugus in the development process of Andhra Pradesh and to seek investments in various sectors in Andhra Pradesh from NRTs and foreign Investment agencies / Industrialists.

4. The Member-Convenor shall take necessary action to register the Society in the name & style of "Andhra Pradesh Non-Resident Telugu Society" under Andhra Pradesh Societies Registration Act, 2001 with Memorandum of Association and the By Laws developed for its functioning which are approved by the Government.

5. The Memorandum of Association and Bye Laws of A.P. Non-Resident Telugu Society are annexed to the G.O.

6. This orders issues with the concurrence of Finance Dept., vide their U.O. No.36022/19/2016, Finance(FMU-GAD.I) Dept., Dt:08.03.2016.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SATYA PRAKASH TUCKER
CHIEF SECERTARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Member-Convenor,
A.P. Non-Resident Telugu Society.

(P.T.O)

Copy to:

The Finance (FMU-GAD.1) Dept.,
All Departments of Secretariat.
The Revenue(Registration & Stamps) Dept.,
The Accountant General, A.P., Hyderabad.
The Inspector General, Registration & Stamps.
The Pay & Accounts Officer, A.P., Hyderabad.
P.S. to Prl. Secretary to Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh
P.S. to Minister( NRT Empowerment & Relations)
P.S. to Advisor, NRT Affairs and Investments
P.S. to Prl. Secretary/Secretary, Political (Rep of the Governor of Andhra Pradesh)
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P.S. to Prl. Secretary/Secretary, Industries & Commerce
P.S. to Prl. Secretary/Secretary, Panchayat Raj
P.S. to Prl. Secretary/Secretary, IT, E & C
P.S. to Prl. Secretary/Secretary, Planning
P.S. to Prl. Secretary/Secretary, Infrastructure & Investments
P.S. to Joint Secretary (Protocol)
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//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER

ANNEXURE I:

(to G.O. Ms.No.110, G.A.(NRI) Dept., dated:10.05.2016)

## Memorandum of Association

PREAMBLE:

There is huge interest among Non Resident Telugus towards meaningful contribution for the growth and empowerment of Telugus living in Andhra Pradesh. There should be an institutional mechanism to channelize the above towards tangible contributions/investments from Non Resident Telugus in AP. In this connection it is proposed to setup a Society under the aegis of the Government of Andhra Pradesh.

1. NAME OF THE SOCIETY:

   The Name of the Society shall be called as the "Andhra Pradesh Non Resident Telugu Society", hereinafter referred to as the "Society".

2. AREA OF OPERATION OF THE SOCIETY:

   The area of operation of the Society shall be all over the world.

3. LOCATION:

   The Registered Office of the Society shall be located at "Flat No.503, Vinaygan Apartments, Brindavan Colony, Labbipet, Vijayawada".

4. OBJECTS:

   I. To handle all issues related to worldwide Telugu Diaspora. To promote brand-AP amongst the Telugu communities settled in various countries. To reach out to the Telugu Diaspora across the world and appraise them of the vision, goals, action plan and their implementation related to for the socio-economic development of AP.

   II. To publicize the various sectoral policies such as Industrial Policy, Pharma Policy, Agriculture Policy, IT Policy, etc among the Non-Resident Telugus and Industrial Bodies / Investment Agencies in various countries. Organising Seminars / Workshops / Road shows etc to promote brand AP to attract investments in the Andhra Pradesh State. Encourage active participation by Non-Resident Telugus in the developmental process of AP by actively engaging them.

   III. To promote and seek investments in various sectors in AP from Non-Resident Telugus and foreign investment agencies / industrialists.

   IV. To act as a platform to address any queries / concerns of Non-Resident Telugus on relevant issues.

   V. To strengthen social/cultural bonds amongst NRIs.

   VI. The doing of all such other lawful things as considered necessary for the furtherance of the above objects.

   Provided that the Society shall not support with its funds, or endeavour to impose on, or procure to be observed by its members or others, any regulation or restriction which, as an object of the Society, would make it a trade union.

VII. The objects of the Society extend to the whole of India and abroad where Non Resident Telugus reside.

5. GOVERNING BODY:

I. The Governing body may initially consist of the following members:

| S.No | Member | Designation |
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| 1 | Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh | Chairman |
| 2 | Minister for NRI Empowerment & Relations | Member |
| 3 | Advisor, NRT Affairs and Investments | Member-Convenor |
| 4 | Prl. Secretary/Secretary, Political(Rep of the Governor of Andhra Pradesh) | Member |
| 5 | Prl. Secretary/Secretary, Finance | Member |
| 6 | Prl. Secretary/Secretary, Industries & Commerce | Member |
| 7 | Prl. Secretary/Secretary, Panchayat Raj | Member |
| 8 | Prl. Secretary/Secretary, IT, E & C | Member |
| 9 | Prl. Secretary/Secretary, Planning | Member |
| 10 | Prl. Secretary/Secretary, Infrastructure & Investments | Member |
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6. EXECUTIVE COUNCIL:

I. The Management of the Society shall be vested in an Executive Council consisting of the following Members

| S.No | Member | Designation |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Advisor, NRT Affairs and Investments | President/Chief Executive Officer |
| 2 | Prl. Secretary/Secretary, Finance | Executive Member |
| 3 | Prl. Secretary/Secretary, Infrastructure & Investment | Executive Member |
| 4 | Prl. Secretary/Secretary, Panchayat Raj | Executive Member |
| 5 | Prl. Secretary/Secretary, IT, E & C | Executive Member |
| 6 | Joint Secretary to Govt.(Protocol) | Executive Member |
| 7 | NRT Member 1 | Executive Member |
| 8 | NRT Member 2 | Executive Member |
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II. The term of the Executive Council shall be 3(three) years. Nomination for each post will be made by the Chief Executive Officer annually at the time of Governing Body meeting from eligible members. In the first year of the Society, a minimum of 3(three) members shall be nominated for the post of "Executive Member".

7. The Names, Address and Occupation of the Members of the Committee:

| S.No | Name of the Member, S/o or D/o or W/o. | Age | Designation & Occupation | Mailing Address | Signature |
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WITNESSES:

| S.No | Name of the Persons, S/o or D/o or W/o. | Age | Occupation | Residential Address | Signature |
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SATYA PRAKASH TUCKER
CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

**ANNEXURE II:**

(to G.O. Ms No.110, G.A.(NRI) Dept., dated:10.05.2016

**(Under Andhra Pradesh Societies Registration Act, 2001)**

Bye Laws
of
Andhra Pradesh Non Resident Telugu Society

BYE LAWS OF SOCIETY

1. SHORT TITLE:
   These Byelaws may be called the Byelaws of the Andhra Pradesh Non Resident Telugu Society

2. NAME OF THE SOCIETY:
   The Society shall be called the "ANDHRA PRADESH NON RESIDENT TELUGU SOCIETY".

3. ADDRESS OF THE SOCIETY:
   The Society shall be located at "Flat No.503, Vinaygan Apartments, Brindavan Colony, Labbipet, Vijayawada" as its mailing address.

4. DEFINITIONS:
   In these Bye-Laws unless the context otherwise requires:

   (a) "Society" means the Andhra Pradesh Non-Resident Telugu Society
   (b) "Chairman" means the Chairman of the Governing Body of the Society, and the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Andhra Pradesh being the ex-officio Chairman.
   (c) "Member Convenor" means the Member of the Governing Body of the Society who is a person nominated by the Govt. in any suitable role for the performance of the Govt., and acts as President/Chief Executive Officer of the of the Executive Council.
   (d) "Executive Council" means the Executive Committee of the Society.
   (e) "Executive Member" means member of the Executive Council.
   (f) "Member" means a member of the Governing Body or the Executive Council.
   (g) "Resident" means a person who is domiciled in the country for sufficient period of time or a resident of the Country which he claims as his current residence for tax purposes.
   (h) "Govt.," means the Government of Andhra Pradesh, India.
   (i) "Office Bearer" means an employee of the Govt., or a person nominated by the Govt., in any suitable role for the performance of the duties of the Government of Andhra Pradesh.
   (j) "Membership" means the participation as a Member in the functioning of the Society.

5. ELIGIBILITY OF MEMBERSHIP:
   To become a member of the Society, (the following rules of eligibility shall apply:)

   a. A Member shall be an Office Bearer of the Govt. of Andhra Pradesh
   b. An Executive Members shall be either:
      i. An Office Bearer of the Government of Andhra Pradesh or
      ii. A person of Indian heritage and defined as NRI and has lived for at least 10 years outside of India, and will be living in India as resident of India for the duration of the Membership.

   (c. The Chairman of the Society may at his discretion, over-ride the eligibility rules of membership in the interest of the Society.)

6. CESSATION OF MEMBERSHIP:

    a. Any Member may withdraw from the Society by giving a written notice to the Chief Executive Officer of the Society of his/her intention to do so, but such notice must reach him at least one calendar month prior to member's withdrawal date..

    b. Any member who ceases to be a member shall nevertheless remain liable for and shall pay to the Society all monies which at the time of such member ceasing to be due from him/her to the Society. The Executive Council shall have the power to waive either fully or partly the arrears in the event of such a member seeking readmission.

    c. The Membership in the Governing Body and/or the Executive Council of any member may be revoked through a resolution in the Governing Body on grounds of health, unsoundness of mind or actions repugnant to the Objects of the Society or on grounds of conduct unbecoming of a member.

    d. The membership of an ex-officio member of the Executive Council and/or Governing Body shall terminate when he ceases to hold the office. The vacancies so caused shall be filled by the successor to that office.

7. REGISTER OF MEMBERS:

    The Society shall maintain a Register of Members and record the names and addresses of all members for the time being and all changes in the membership which take place from time to time.

8. FUNCTIONS OF THE GOVERNING BODY:

    a. The Governing Body shall provide overall policy guidance and directions for the efficient functioning of the Society in fulfilling it's Objects as laid in Article.4 of the Memorandum of Association.
    b. It shall meet at least once in every year.
    c. It shall consider the balance sheet and annual audited accounts of the Society presented by the President/CEO along with the remarks thereon by the Executive Council.
    d. It shall consider the Annual Report of the Society presented by the President/CEO along with the remarks thereon by the Executive Council.
    e. It shall also consider the evaluation and special reports commissioned by the President on behalf of the Executive Council.
    f. It shall approve the Annual Action Plan and Budget for the ensuing year.
    g. It shall ensure that the Society considers any comments made by the funding agencies on the progress in the implementation of the projects of the Society.
    h. It shall ensure that the Society adheres to the Memorandum of Association from time to time and fulfils all the agreements, covenants and contracts enumerated in the Memorandum of Association.

9. POWERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY

    a. To undertake all activities necessary for the fulfilment of the Objects as laid down in Article-4 of the Memorandum of Association.
    b. To expand the strength of its Membership, provided the expanded strength is filled in the manner prescribed for enlisting the original membership.
    c. To add, modify or amend the Memorandum of Association and these Byelaws provided that all such additions and modifications or

amendments shall be aimed at promoting the Objects of the Society.

d. To remove a member on the grounds listed in the Byelaws.
e. To acquire movable and immovable properties by purchase or sale, subject to the provisions of Andhra Pradesh Public Societies (Telangana Area) Registration Act (Act-1 of 1350Fasli).
f. To Approve Balance Sheet, Annual Reports and Annual Audited Accounts of the Society.
g. To approve appointment of the Auditors of the Society.
h. To delegate to the Executive Council or the Member-Convenor, any of the above powers.

10. FUNCTIONS AND POWERS OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE GOVERNING BODY :

The functions and powers of the Chairman of the Governing Body are:

a. To call the meetings of the Governing Body and preside over the General Body.
b. To accept resignations of any member of either body when offered.
c. To review together with the Executive Council, all the aspects of the projects being implemented by the Society.

11. FUNCTIONS AND POWERS OF THE MEMBER-CONVENOR & PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

The functions and powers of the Member-Convenor are:

a. To call the meetings of the Executive Council and preside over the Executive Council.
b. To conduct its business and.
c. To perform such other duties as the Governing Body or the Executive Council delegates to him.
d. Keeping the Chairman informed of all important decisions regarding functioning of the Society.

12. FUNCTION AND POWERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL:

a. Executive Council shall meet as often as deemed necessary and at least once in every quarter.
b. It shall be in-charge of the day to day activities of the Society and perform all functions required for the purpose, subject to the overall supervision of the Governing Body and the Chairman.
c. The Executive Council shall consider the Annual Budget, Action Plan, Progress Reports on the Implementation of the activities and other aspects, if any, of the Society.
d. It shall consider the Annual Report, Balance Sheet and the Annual Audited Accounts of the Society and add its remarks before they are placed before the Governing Body.
e. It shall consider the Annual Action Plan and Budget of the Society where they are placed before Governing Body.
f. It shall perform all such other functions allotted to it or delegated it to it by the Governing Body.
g. It shall keep the Governing Body informed of all the important decisions taken by the Executive Council regarding the functioning of the Society.
h. It shall make rules and regulations for the conduct of the affairs of the Society and to add, amend, modify or rescind them from time to time.
i. It shall enter into contracts, agreements or MoUs with other public or private organizations or individuals on behalf of the Society.
j. It shall create duly empowered mechanisms at all required levels for organizing administering, appraising, financing and monitoring the projects.
k. It shall create technical, administrative, financial, managerial and other posts as required, to appoint persons to such posts and to make such payments for the same in accordance with the rules framed for the purpose provided that:

i. All persons appointed shall be appointed for fixed tenures or drawn on deputation from Government Departments, NGOs, and
ii. Compensations packages shall, in general, be in conformity with what is provided by the Government or by other projects of this nature.

13. PERIODICITY OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETINGS:

The Executive Council shall meet as often as it may think fit, and shall make such regulations as it considered proper as to the summoning and holding of its meetings, but the record of its proceedings shall be open to the inspection of the members of the Society.

14. QUORUM FOR EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING:

One-third of the Executive Council present in person or by virtual meeting (Video or Audio conference) shall form a quorum for the transaction of business, but if any meeting has to be adjourned for want of quorum, then at the adjourned meeting the members present whatever their number shall form a quorum and shall have power to decide upon all matters which could have been disposed of at the meeting from which the adjournment took place. At the meeting of the Executive Council, voting shall be by members personally present.

15. NOTICE FOR GENERAL MEETING

a. Notice of the General meeting and of the business to be transacted thereat shall be given 14 days previously by circular to all registered members of the Society.

b. The accidental omission in giving this notice to any member of members or the non-receipt of the notice of a meeting by any member or members shall not invalidate the proceedings of any such meeting,

16.QUORUM FOR GENERAL MEETING:

a. No business shall be transacted at any general meeting unless a quorum of members is present at the time when the meeting proceeds to business. The quorum at a general meeting shall be two-third members present in person.

b. If within half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting, a quorum is not present, the meeting, if convened upon the requisition of members shall be dissolved and in any other case, it shall stand adjourned to the same day after 30min and at the same time and place, and at any adjourned meeting the members present and entitled to vote whatever their number, shall form a quorum and shall have power to decide upon all matters which could have been disposed of at the meeting from which the adjournment took place.

17.EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING:

a. The Executive Council may, whenever they think fit, call an Extra-ordinary general meeting and shall do so on receiving a written requisition signed by at least 5 members of the Society for the time being. The above number of members required may be altered by the Chairman of the board in future if deemed necessary.

b. Upon receipt of such requisition, the Executive Council shall convene an Extraordinary General Meeting and, if the meeting is not convened within 14 days of such requisition being received by the secretary, the requisitionists or a majority of them may themselves convene the meeting and all expenses of convening the same shall be borne by the Society. Any meeting convened by the requisitionists shall be convened

in the same manner as nearly as possible as that in which general meetings are to be convened by the Society.

18. CHAIRMAN OF THE GENERAL MEETING:

a. If at any General meeting, the Chairman is absent, the meeting shall be presided by the Member-Convenor. If Member-Convenor is also absent, the meeting shall elect one of the Executive Council members as Chairman of the meeting. The Chairman of the meeting shall have an original and also a casting vote, but in exercise of the casting vote, he shall ordinarily vote for the status quo.

b. The Chairman of the meeting may with consent of the members adjourn any meeting, but no business shall be transacted at any adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting from which the adjournment took place.

19. VOTING AT GENERAL MEETING

At any General Body meeting a resolution, other than for nomination of the Executive Council, put to the vote of the meeting shall be decided on a show of hands. If a pool is demanded, it shall be taken in such manner and at such time and place and either immediately or after an adjournment not exceeding 7 days as the Chairman of the meeting directs and the result of the poll as declared by the Chairman of the meeting shall be deemed to be the resolution of the meeting at which the poll was demanded.

20. MINUTES OF THE MEETING:

The Society shall maintain a correct and true record of the proceedings of the general meetings as well as the meetings of Executive Council as required under the Act.

21. SOURCES OF INCOME / FUNDING OF THE SOCIETY:

a. The Society shall be funded by one or more of the following means:
   i. By Recurring and Non-recurring grants from the Govt.
   ii. By Donations/Contributions from India or abroad.
   iii. Income from Investments.

22. FINANCIAL YEAR:

a. Financial year shall end at the time of Annual meeting (last week March/beginning of April) when an audited account of the Income and Expenditure Statement will be presented by Officer in charge of finance.

b. The books of account of the Society shall be kept at the Registered Office of the Society or at such other place as the Executive Council may think fit.

c. The Executive Council shall from time to time determine whether and to what extent and what time and place, and under what conditions and regulations, the accounts and books of the Society or any of them shall be open to the inspection of the members, and no members shall have any right of inspecting any accounts or books or documents of the Society.

23.BANK ACCOUNT

a. Bankers for the Society will be appointed by the Executive Council and all the accounts shall be maintained in the name of "Andhra Pradesh Non Resident Telugu Society (APNRT)" at the said Bank.

b. All funds of the Society should be paid into the Society's Account with the said Bankers following the guidelines issued by the Finance Department in Government from time to time.
c. The funds shall not to be withdrawn except in the manner and by those authorized by the Executive Council.

24.ANNUAL LIST OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (SEC. 9 OF THE ACT ):

a. Every year the Society shall, within 15 days after the Annual Governing Body Meeting is held, will furnish a list of the names of Chairman, Office bearers and Members of the Executive Council to the Registrar of Societies, as required under the rules of the Andhra Pradesh Societies Registration Act 2001.

b. Amendment (alteration, extension or abridgement) of 'purposes' (aims and objects) or change of name shall be done as per the rules of Registrar of Societies in the state of Andhra Pradesh.

25.PROPERTY OF THE SOCIETY:

a. All property belonging to the Society shall be deemed to be vested in the Executive Council of the Society but shall be referred as the Property of the Society.

b. The income and the property of the Society shall be applied towards the promotion of the Objects thereafter as set forth in the Memorandum of Association in respect of the expenditure and funds made available by the Govt. of Andhra Pradesh to such limitations as the Govt. of Andhra Pradesh may stipulate from time to time.

26.LITIGATION BY AND AGAINST THE SOCIETY:

a. The Society may sue or be sued in the name of President as per provision laid down under the rules of Registrar of Societies, Andhra Pradesh and members are indemnified against any litigation in their individual capacity.

b. No suit or proceedings shall abate by reason of any vacancy or change in the holder of the office of the President or any office bearer authorized in this behalf.

c. Every decree of order against the Society in any suit or proceedings shall be executable against the property of the Society and not against the person or property of the President or any other Office Bearer of the Society. Nothing contained in this subsection shall prevent any Office Bearer of the Society from any criminal liability under the act or entitle him to claim any contribution from the property of the Society in respect of any fine paid by him or conviction by a court of law.

27.DISSOLUTION AND ADJUSTMENT OF AFFAIRS:

If the Society needs to be dissolved, it shall be dissolved as per provisions laid down under the appropriate section applicable under the rules of Registration of Societies, Government of Andhra Pradesh.

28.APPLICATION OF THE ACT:

All the provisions under all the sections of the Andhra Pradesh Societies Registration Act of 2001 are applicable to the Society.

29.JURISDICTION:

The Jurisdiction for any litigation or settlement of disputes shall be the state of Andhra Pradesh, India.

30. The Names, Address and Occupation of the Members of the Committee:

| S.No | Name of the Member, S/o or D/o or W/o. | Age | Designation & Occupation | Mailing Address | Signature |
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